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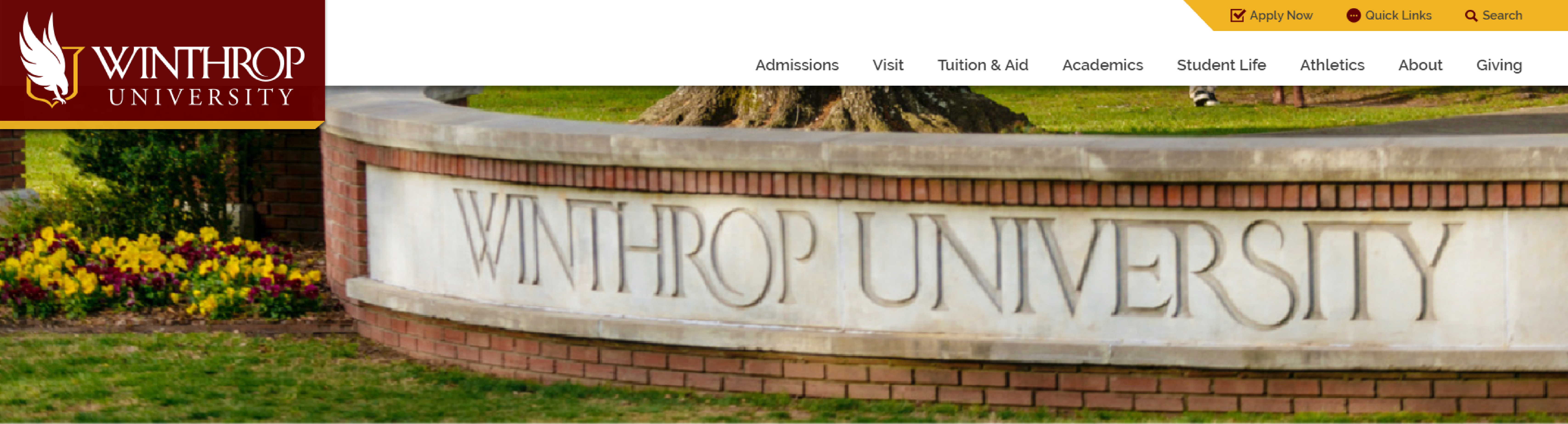
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Quick Facts

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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — **Ashley Ridge High School** of Summerville, South Carolina, was awarded top honors March 23 at the **42th annual Model United Nations conference** at Winthrop University.

Held March 21-23, the program involved hundreds of students representing nearly 30 Carolina high schools. An awards ceremony capped two days of deliberations over world events and this year's theme, **"International Commitment to the Preservation of Human Rights."**

The overall award — the **Winthrop Cup** — went to Ashley Ridge High students who represented the countries of Egypt, Venezuela, Iraq, the Dominican Republic and Ireland.

Summerville High School captured the **Secretariat Award** for contributing the most to the success of the conference.

The **Geoffrey Bruce Award** for the delegation acting most in character of its country went to the **Rock Hill High team** representing Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or more commonly known as North Korea. **Nation Ford High School** in Fort Mill, South Carolina, was recognized for writing the **Best Resolutions**.

The **Rookie Award** for making their first appearance at the conference was given to **A.C. Flora High School** of Columbia, South Carolina.

Look for photos on [Winthrop University's Facebook](#) site.

Winthrop students recognized as outstanding advisors to their high school delegations were: Alexander Earnest, Israel; Nathan Crunkilton, U.S.A.; Kyle Conrad, Venezuela; David Truesdale, DPRK; Savanna Bannio, Brazil; and Kennedy Mayers, Nigeria.

This year's **Secretariat** operated under the student leadership of **Brooks Hammett**, secretary general; **Philip Covington**, director general; and **Leyia Grant**, coordinator general. The three organized the conference, contacted the high schools and worked on logistics for the three-day event, as well as coordinated Winthrop students' participation in the conference. Their advisor is Professor **Chris Van Aller** of the Department of Political Science.

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